NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

No surface occupancy or use is allowed in Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class I areas (i.e., wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, etc.).

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

Preserve the existing character of the landscape.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

<u>Exception:</u> An exception to this stipulation can be granted by the authorized officer if the operator submits a plan demonstrating that impacts from the proposed action are acceptable or can be adequately mitigated.

<u>Modification:</u> The boundaries of the stipulated area can be modified by the authorized officer if the boundaries of the VRM Class I area are changed.

<u>Waiver:</u> This stipulation can be waived by the authorized officer if all VRM Class I areas within the leasehold are reduced to a lower visual resource management class. Areas reduced to a lower visual resource management class will be subject to the controlled surface use stipulation.

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